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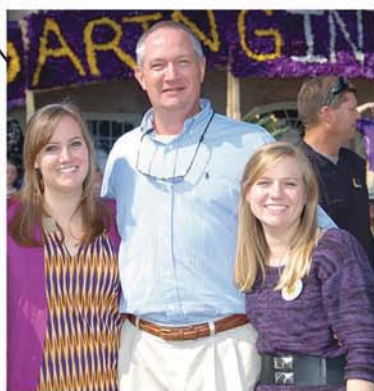
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PROUD TO BE LEADING WOMEN

BY LIZ APPEL RINCK, Γ/BUTLER, EDITOR

YOUR EDITOR'S MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER HAD A REGRETTABLE FONDNESS FOR CLICHÉS.

"You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear" was one of her favorites, as was "Many hands make quick work" and "It never hurts to ask." But the Nanny-phrase (We called her Nanny because—at age 60-plus—she claimed she was too young to be a grandma.) that has the most relevance to the Theta magazine is "If you don't toot your own horn, no one else will."

It is, perhaps, a bit cynical to believe that others won't notice your accomplishments if you don't point them out yourself. On the other hand, why shouldn't we be self-confident and feel proud of our achievements and abilities?

Maybe this reluctance to "toot our own horns" is a cultural parameter imposed in a particularly stringent manner on girls and women. Maybe we worry that if we talk ourselves up we'll be regarded as egotistic or braggadocious. Certainly I don't want to listen to someone talk for hours (or even minutes!) on end about how wonderful she is, and I don't imagine that you, dear reader, want that, either. But do I want to talk with someone who is passionate about what she does and has worked hard to succeed? Absolutely.

So where does the Theta magazine come in?

First, we toot our Fraternity's horn, not only to parents, school administrators, and the public at large, but also to Thetas themselves, who may not always be aware of "what's going on with Theta." Kappa Alpha Theta's strategic plan contains some lofty aspirations, including: We Are Intellectually Ambitious and We Exemplify the Widest Influence for Good. When we reach milestones on the road to those goals, that's worth celebrating, and we do so in this issue of our magazine. On page 17, you can learn about Theta collegians' dedication to scholarship, and on page 29, you can see a full list of academic achievers: Thetas who earned straight As in the latest school year. On page 23, you can meet two women who founded an all-female law firm ... and then found out they are Theta sisters! On pages 16 and 20, you can discover Fraternity programs that nurture members, campuses, and communities.

Second, we are happy to toot **your** horns; we're delighted to learn of your accomplishments and even more delighted to share them with your sisters ... in print, no less. On pages 10, 22, and 24, you can get acquainted with Theta authors, entrepreneurs, philanthropists, award-winners, and experts in their fields, as well as with those who met while traveling, reunited with long-lost sisters, and enjoyed chapter events together. (If you'd like to share news and/or a photo, contact information may be found on page 2.)

Finally, we sometimes toot the horn of the Theta magazine itself. We're pleased that a recent independent critique by a publications professional praised it for a good balance of content and design, varied content, fine writing, and creative approach.

Those of you who pay attention to headlines may now be wondering how the one at the top of this page relates to the above paragraphs. That's an excellent question, and one we are thrilled to be able to answer!

Grand Council recently completed a brand evaluation process with a strategic marketing firm. During their discussions about whether one phrase can adequately encompass an organization of women of widely divergent age groups, from all across the continent, and with varied college experiences, one word was recurrent: **leading**. Kappa Alpha Theta is known as a leading women's group; our ideas and programs have often been on the cutting edge. "Leader" is not a title conferred or an office held; as individuals and as chapters, Thetas are known for leading in our communities and on our campuses. In fact, **leading** is an integral part of Theta's history as the first Greek-letter Fraternity known among women. Even our threefold aim is powerful: intellectually, the highest scholarship; socially, the widest influence for good; and the moral code of love.

In an article beginning on page 14, Fraternity president Amy Hayner Kates, Alpha Phi/Tulane, further explains the branding process and the decision to adopt Leading Women as Kappa Alpha Theta's tag line. In the coming weeks and months, we will see Leading Women incorporated into all aspects of Fraternity communications and marketing. As the video introduction to the tag line shows (www.thetasnewbrand.org), Leading Women is a bold statement that speaks of Bettie Locke Hamilton and the other founders as well as all women who wear the kite of Kappa Alpha Theta. And as my nanny might say: We should be proud of who we are and the impact we'd had. We should toot our own horns. ◇

ON THE COVER: We are confident; we are driven; we are brave. Shelby Williams Hladon, ITI/UC Santa Barbara, and Tamsen McCabe Reese, EZ/Mississippi exemplify Leading Women.

YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW, KAPPA ALPHA THETA EXISTS TO NURTURE EACH MEMBER THROUGHOUT HER COLLEGE AND ALUMNAE EXPERIENCE AND TO OFFER LIFELONG OPPORTUNITY FOR SOCIAL, INTELLECTUAL, AND MORAL GROWTH AS SHE MEETS THE HIGHER AND BROADER DEMANDS OF MATURE LIFE.

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Notice: Because Kappa Alpha Theta is not an officially recognized student group at Harvard or Santa Clara University, these schools prohibit using "Harvard" or "Santa Clara" in any published reference to our Zeta Xi or Eta Lambda Chapter.

FIRST PLACE

I Am a Theta, a video featuring stories from Thetas about why their membership is important to them, received first place in the multimedia presentation category of the 2013 Fraternity Communications Association (FCA) awards competition. *I Am a Theta* debuted at Grand Convention 2012 and is available in the Learn About Theta section of www.kappaalphatheta.org.

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

In 2013, the following Theta officers celebrate milestone anniversaries of service.

5 YEARS

Amanda B. Adamek, EΩ/Washington & Jefferson
Leslie Fight, A/DePauw
Nancy Milligan Frick A/DePauw
Lynne McCaul Miller, M/Allegheny
Angie Low Molina, ΓΦ/Texas Tech
Elizabeth Dula Nickles, BZ/Oklahoma State
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Martha McKee West, EE/Baylor

10 YEARS

Christine Thompson Briede, ΔO/Alabama
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Michelle Mouton Geiger, ΔK/LSU
Sharon Gordon Girvin, BN/Florida State
Christiane J. Hoffman, ΖΩ/Loyola Marymount
Susan Zorsch, AM/Missouri

20 YEARS

Leah A. Hartman, N/Hanover
Karen Albrecht Ledbetter, ΓT/Tulsa

25 YEARS

Carryl Wischmeyer Krohne, N/Hanover

LOST THETAS

After you log into www.kappaalphatheta.org, a box on the right-hand side will present you with a list of "lost" Thetas from your chapter who were initiated at about the same time you were. "Lost" status means that the Fraternity has no current contact information for these women. We don't want to lose our sisters! If you have information about any of the women on your list, simply follow the online instructions to help them get back in touch with Theta.

MY VISIT TO CONGRESS

By JoAnna Adkisson, EΦ/Belmont

In April, members of IFC and Panhellenic groups from all across the country joined together for a week in Washington, DC, to lobby on behalf of issues that are near and dear to the heart of our community. From preserving the value of charitable giving, to emphasizing the need to create parity in the tax code, our mission was to shed light on the things that impact Greek and non-Greek students alike on campuses all across the country.

Leaders from these groups joined together for two days of training on the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act (CHIA) before actually taking our voices to the Hill. On lobbying day, delegations represented our chapters and campuses in more than 415 meetings with members of Congress and staffers. In these meetings, we asked Congress members to sponsor CHIA and to partner with us in supporting the numerous efforts of our Greek community. We explained to them the purposes of CHIA: a bill that closes a gap in the tax code and delineates between types of charitable donations made for infrastructure purposes. In other words, CHIA would allow donors to give to non-profit agencies for infrastructure purposes and receive the same tax-deductions they would they give through a university.

Many of these members were Greek themselves and offered up praise for the values that their collegiate experiences instilled in them. At the conclusion of our day on the Hill, we had a chance to celebrate with a closing dinner. Here we heard personal stories from members who are friends of the Fraternity and Sorority Political Action Committee (FSPAC). We also had the chance to honor Theta's own Cindy Stellhorn, Beta/Indiana, who has led the PAC diligently for the past year, and celebrate the news that she will remain in this position for another year!

What was truly amazing about all of this was seeing firsthand that what we are a part of really does transcend beyond our college years. Theta says it right when we hail that these experiences truly are "for a lifetime." Our nation's leaders were given some of their most formative experiences in chapter houses, meetings, leadership seminars, etc., all with letters that carry with them the values and the history of our organizations. Needless to say, this experience reminded me of how proud I am to be a Theta! ♦

WRITE TO US!

Do you have a comment about an article in this or any other issue of *The Magazine*? Do you know an accomplished Theta who would be a good subject for a profile article? Do you have a Theta issue on your mind?

Then let us hear from you! We are pleased to receive letters from our readers; we value your input. Correspondence by regular mail or email may be sent to the editor. (Addresses are listed on page 2.)

WHAT'S NEW?

Is there some exciting news about yourself or your chapter that you'd like to share with other Thetas? Let us know! A submission form may be found in *The Magazine* area of the Theta website, or you may send items via email or snail mail to the editor. Addresses are listed on page 2. Please include your name and chapter of affiliation with each submission.

THE MAGAZINE ONLINE

Receive email notification when *The Magazine* is posted online! Complete the online Update Magazine Preferences form.

REUNIONS

Learn about upcoming reunions at www.kappaalphatheta.org/alumnae/events/reunions.

PLANNING A REUNION?

Place a reunion notice in *The Magazine* and on the Theta website. Mail a brief notice to Reunions, *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*, 8740 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268, and email webmaster@kappaalphatheta.org.

Notices for reunions to be held May through July must be received by January 31; for August through October, received by April 11; for November through January, received by July 11; and for February through April, by October 23.

REUNIONS

Φ/PACIFIC

Join us for homecoming the weekend of October 18-20, as we celebrate Phi Chapter at Pacific. It promises to be three days of nonstop activities as you reconnect with your Theta sisters. For more information, please contact Jill Sullivan Mallory, jill.s.mallory@comcast.net, or Kelli Williams Page, kpage@pacific.edu.

ΑΣ/WASHINGTON STATE

All alumnae and current members of the Alpha Sigma Chapter are invited to celebrate our centennial with a reunion October 19-20. Events will be held at the chapter facility and on the WSU campus throughout the weekend. For additional information, contact Ann Westbrook Harrison, annharrison5@hotmail.com.

BZ/OKLAHOMA STATE

Initiates from 1972-1980 will have a reunion July 12-14, at the Beta Zeta facility in Stillwater. Registration information is available by email: imblessed@brightok.net.

ΒΠ/MICHIGAN STATE

Initiates from 1974-1979 are reuniting in East Lansing, Mich., the weekend of October 4-6. Events will be held at the chapter house and other locations near the campus of Michigan State. A block of rooms has been reserved at the East Lansing Marriott at University Place. Stay current with all of the plans by contacting Pam Ranzilla Eifel, p.eifel@oh.rr.com.



KAPPA ALPHA THETA 
LEADING WOMEN

Save the Dates! June 26 – 29, 2014

For Grand Convention 2014, we're going to the Orlando World Center Marriott.

Look for more Convention information in future issues of the Theta magazine and at www.kappaalphatheta.org.

"I Am a Theta" is something we all say with pride, whether we just received a Bid Day card or a 75-year member pin. The fondness we have for Theta comes from our own experiences—the people we meet, the time we spend together, and the stories we tell. These stories are what connect us to one another and strengthen our sisterhood.

We all have a Theta story to tell. Take just a minute to remember one of yours, and share it at www.kappaalphatheta.org. You can also read Theta stories submitted by other members.

THETA LOVE AFTER COLLEGE

Becoming a college chapter advisor has done much for strengthening my love for Theta.

When I graduated from Albion College in May of 2011, I knew the thing I would miss the most was my time in Pi Chapter. Being a member of Kappa Alpha Theta had been the most enriching experience of my life, and I always cherished sharing my love for Theta with others.

After graduation, I had toyed with the idea of becoming a chapter advisor, but with law school looming in my future, I knew that the time was not right. When a year of law school was under my belt, a fellow law student and Theta sister reached out to me about becoming a member of the advisory board at Pi. She mentioned that there were many open positions and I could tailor my commitment to my own availability. Eventually, I spoke with the advisory board chairman and agreed to serve as both the operations and administrative advisor for Pi Chapter.

It has already fulfilled me in so many ways, and I get so much pride out of watching the members of Pi Chapter grow and reach new heights. What I did not expect was how much serving as an advisor would strengthen my own love for Theta. While attending my first meeting as an advisor, I was moved to recognize that it was also my first chapter meeting since graduating in 2011.

The things about Theta meetings that always meant so much to me then matter even more now. I recognize that one of the best things about being an advisor is not only getting to help the active members discover a love for Theta, but also developing my own different and possibly stronger love for Theta as an alumna.

If you are looking for a way to bring Theta love back in your life, look no further than advising the closest college chapter. There is no better way to strengthen your own love for Theta than by watching a new chapter of women developing their own.

Jackie Simonson, Pi/Albion, is the operations and administrative advisor for Pi Chapter.

WRAPPED IN SUPPORT

When I pledged Theta, there was only one person in the entire sorority that I knew, and even though the sorority house was within a mile of my high school, I felt completely out of my comfort zone. But Theta was literally one of the best things that ever happened to me. Most of my fondest memories are those with whom I bonded in college and met through Theta. These women have helped me through all the ups and downs, taught me some life lessons, and helped me become the person I am today. I truly consider my Theta friends my sisters. Minutes, hours, or months can go by, and we pick up right where we left off, because we all know our bond is for a lifetime.

My Theta story involves Hurricane Katrina. I had all my Theta T-shirts made into a blanket when I moved to New Orleans to attend nursing school. That

was one of those times in my life, as when I pledged Theta, when I was out of my comfort zone, and this blanket provided a 20-something-year-old girl with the warmth and security of knowing her friends were there with her, even though they were all miles away. During my time in nursing school, this blanket had evacuated with me and then returned safely home after storms. For Hurricane Katrina, however, I did not have lots of time to evacuate. I was using the blanket as my bedspread at the time, and I forgot to take it in my haste. I realized this oversight halfway to my parent's house in Baton Rouge. I was 90 minutes into the drive at the time (normally, I would have been there), and I seriously contemplated turning around and going back for it. I knew my parents would be angry if I turned back, and I figured I would just call my boyfriend (who was staying behind with his family) to go by my apartment to get the blanket if he had a chance.

Well, by the time I arrived at my parent's house, phone service was not the best and I was barely able to talk to him. He told me the storm was going to be worse than initially thought, and so my worries, of course, turned to his safety and not the blanket. I went to bed so upset and worried, but I woke up the next morning with him walking through my parent's back door. I was so happy he was now out of harm's way, and he mentioned that he did go by my apartment, saw the blanket, and thought to grab it, but had collected some other things instead.

I figured it would be there when I got home. Maybe a window would break and it would get wet and need to be washed. Fast-forward about 24 hours, and I am watching news coverage of boats being launched off an overpass on the interstate one block from my apartment! I even saw my flooded home on CNN. I just kept thinking about my lost possessions—pictures, jewelry, clothes, my blanket. I was happy that everyone I loved was safe, but I could not get over all the irreplaceable items I'd never see again.

Within a few days, we returned to New Orleans and assessed the damage. My boyfriend walked about a mile through knee-high water and got into my apartment. He took some pictures and gathered what he could. My blanket came out of the flood waters in a garbage bag, and, unfortunately, needed to stay there. My Theta sisters helped me through this time, and all that changed in my life. They would call and check on me, they would send cards and CDs. They did everything I needed to help me start feeling "normal" during a state of constant chaos. For months, they were there for me. Then, on Christmas Eve no less, I received a large package in the mail. It contained the sweetest card and a new blanket created from their old T-shirts. They had been working on this for months, even with all of them living in different states and going through their own changes and challenges. There are no words to express how I felt when I opened that box, and to this day, I still can't describe it. They gave me the best present I never even imagined asking for or receiving: It is all the love, support, warm hugs, and fond memories sewn into it that make the tangible possession the best gift ever.

That's why I'm proud to be a Theta. Those women and that blanket remind me every day that it's OK to step out of your comfort zone, because it's all going to be OK when you have Theta love and sisters.

Amy Turner Ward, Delta Kappa/LSU, lives in Metairie, La., and is a member of the New Orleans Alumnae Chapter. ♦

SHARE STORIES

Visit the I Am a Theta area of www.kappaalphatheta.org to browse our stories and learn more about submitting your own. (Log in required for submissions.)



Amy Turner Ward, ΔK/LSU

I always cherished sharing my love for Theta with others.

LEGACY HAS A NEW MEANING

“There is no greater reward for our wonderful gift of Theta friendship for a lifetime than saying ‘thank you’ with a gift of time or money to support and carry on the legacy that we have been privileged to be a part of and enjoy.”
- Betty Bauer Lambert



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Legacy does not have to be defined by your grandmother or mother's fraternity experience. Our founders, and those who have since followed, created a legacy of highest scholarship, widest influence for good and love. That legacy continues when, as alumnae, we ensure this powerful opportunity exists for the sisters who will follow in our footsteps one day.

The Lambert Legacy Society is named for Betty Bauer Lambert, Alpha Chi/Purdue, and her husband, James. Theta Foundation received \$1.6 million from their estate in 1989, and this bequest was used to transform the graduate scholarship program. Since that time, hundreds of planned gifts—both modest and large—have helped to transform Kappa Alpha Theta and the experiences of our sisters.

You, too, can be part of creating Theta's legacy by including Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation in your will or living trust.

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Tara "TJ" Condon, EA/Dickinson, is a charter Life Loyal member.

TARA "TJ" CONDON BELIEVES IN BEING LIFE LOYAL

Condon, Epsilon Lambda/Dickinson, is, in fact, a charter member—the 39th Theta to join Theta Life Loyal. But after becoming Life Loyal herself, she wanted to do more. This year, she decided to purchase an "honor your chapter" Life Loyal membership, and asked Epsilon Lambda Chapter to select a graduating senior who lived Theta's ideals to the fullest. Elizabeth Key, the chapter's former chief operating officer (CEO), was presented Condon's Life Loyal gift at Epsilon Lambda's Senior Service.

After hearing about Key and the chapter's special presentation, Condon decided to make the same gift for four more years. You might be wondering why membership in Theta Life Loyal means so much to her, so we asked her for you!

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO ENROLL IN THETA LIFE LOYAL?

I was surprised to learn about the financial burden placed on collegians to support the production of the Theta magazine. A Life Loyal membership enabled me to support Theta's communications, while doing my part to ensure the funds collegians generate are directed into programs for their personal growth and chapter development.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO PURCHASE "HONOR YOUR CHAPTER" MEMBERSHIPS?

I have a tremendous amount of pride for my college chapter. While it's certainly not Theta's largest chapter, the members are fiercely loyal and take Theta's ideals very much to heart. My five-year gift was a way of saying "thank you" to the great chapter that brought me to Theta, as well as honor the collegians and advisors—past and present—who keep the chapter thriving.

YOU DECIDED TO HONOR NEW GRADUATES WITH THIS GIFT. HOW DID BEING A MEMBER OF THETA, AND A MEMBER OF EPSILON LAMBDA CHAPTER, IMPACT YOU POST-GRADUATION?

When I was in the early years of my career and interviewing for jobs, virtually all of my answers were Theta-related! Unlike many of my same-aged peers, I had defined and delivered on long-term goals, made a budget, managed and motivated team members, and dealt with challenging situations. These leadership skills were (and are) invaluable. I love that the Life Loyal program will enable even more collegians to benefit from the great opportunities Theta offers to further their leadership development.

HOW HAS YOUR THETA EXPERIENCE EVOLVED SINCE THEN?

I loved being a Theta collegian. That said, it was only after graduation that I began to fully appreciate the meaning of membership. Within five minutes of meeting a Theta, although you started out as strangers, you end up as old friends. It is through my continued involvement with the Fraternity and Theta Foundation that I have had the pleasure to meet Thetas from around the world. My life is far richer for knowing them.



Life Loyal members receive a handcrafted lapel pin to wear with pride

**JOIN 2,635 LIFE LOYAL THETAS!
THESE WOMEN ENROLLED BETWEEN FEBRUARY 1, AND APRIL 30, 2013**

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COLLEGE CHAPTERS

- A** Members of **ETA SIGMA/CHAPMAN** celebrated the chapter's fifth anniversary with a special brunch, featuring a slideshow of the chapter's history and speeches from four of the five chapter presidents/CEOs.
- B** **GAMMA THETA CHAPTER** placed second in Carnegie Mellon's Greek Sing, performing a 13-minute performance of "Catch Me if You Can," with the men of Delta Tau Delta.
- C** **EPSILON PI/BUCKNELL** won awards for excellence in community service; academic achievement; outstanding university chapter adviser: **MEREDITH FIELD, EPI/BUCKNELL**; Order of Omega outstanding community service award: **THUYVAN LUU**; and sorority of the year.

- D** Collegians from **LAMBDA/VERMONT** celebrated Founders Day at the chapter facility.
- E** **GAMMA UPSILON** won the following at **MIAMI'S** Greek awards: outstanding chapter president: **COURTNEY LYNCH**; leadership and values pillar award: **KRISTEN ZAUCHA**; chapter excellence award; five pillars of fraternal excellence; and top Panhellenic chapter.
- F** **BETA ZETA CHAPTER** received awards for outstanding community service/philanthropy; outstanding Panhellenic delegate, **KATY ALLEN**; and new member of the year, **LINDSAY PARKS**, at Oklahoma State's Golden Greek Awards.

- G** **EPSILON OMEGA CHAPTER** received the outstanding philanthropy and outstanding risk educational program awards at **WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON'S** Greek awards.
- H** **ZETA UPSILON CHAPTER** was awarded two scholarship awards; outstanding Greek Week delegate: **JENNA LAURSEN**; leadership pillar award: **COURTNEY KEELER**; service pillar award: **KAITLYN MATTHEWS**; sisterhood pillar award: **CALLIE WILLEFORD**; program of the year: **KATS Making Tracks 5K**; fraternity/sorority life woman of the year: **JULIA HART**; and chapter of the year, for the third consecutive year, at **UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-DALLAS'S** Greek awards.

THETAS OF NOTE



The Columbia (Mo.) Chamber of Commerce's Women's Network presented **LINDSAY YOUNG LOPEZ, AM/MISSOURI**, with its annual Athena Young Professional Award.



Wood Herron & Evans, an intellectual property law firm with offices in Louisville and Cincinnati, has elected **SARAH OTTE GRABER, B/INDIANA**, to its three-partner executive committee.



KYLE O'BRIEN STEVENS, BΣ/SMU, was named Waco alumnae of the year at the **EPSILON EPSILON/BAYLOR and WACO ALUMNAE CHAPTER'S** Founders Day celebration.



ASHLEY HEIMBACH, ΔE/ARIZONA STATE, has been selected as one of six finalists for Tau Kappa Epsilon's International Sweetheart Contest. Finalists are selected based on their dedication to perpetuating the ideals of Greek life, ser-

vice and philanthropy, and their interaction with TKE Fraternity men.

Tidewater Alumnae Panhellenic Association (TAPA) scholarship chairman **KELLIE DICKERSON, ZΛ/COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON**, honored **LENA WALLACE, EΩ/RANDOLPH-MACON**, with TAPA's leadership award at its spring luncheon.



I GAMMA TAU CHAPTER earned the following at Tulsa's Greek Awards: chapter sisterhood; chapter philanthropy and social service; chapter standards and principles; outstanding junior: **JORDAN HENDRICKSON**; Jane Breechin Panhellenic Award for Chapter Programming; and Circle of Excellence Award for exemplary leadership, scholarship, responsibility and philanthropy.

J ZETA SIGMA CHAPTER earned eight awards at OHIO NORTHERN'S Greek awards, including outstanding advisor, **ERIN CHANDLER, ΞΣ/OHIO NORTHERN**; outstanding community service project; outstanding new member, **JAYME WRIGHT**; Greek woman of the year, CEO **MOLLY WASCHER**; excellence in risk management; excellence in internal affairs; and excellence

in external affairs. Zeta Sigma Chapter was also the only chapter to win the gold chapter award.

K UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI named **ALPHA TAU CHAPTER** its overall premier chapter at Greek awards.

L ETA UPSILON CHAPTER at **SAN FRANCISCO** hosted an alumnae high tea event for **SAN FRANCISCO ALUMNAE CHAPTER** members.

M ALPHA NU/MONTANA received outstanding PR, outstanding risk management, and chapter of the year honors at its Greek Awards.

N CHI CHAPTER received the Chancellor's Gold Cup; council scholarship award (highest GPA in Panhellenic council); overall highest

GPA for 2012 (all councils); Jason L. Morales Rising Greek Leader: **SARAH LUPOSELLO**; membership education: **KAYLA KAPLAN**; alumni advisor of the year: **ELIZABETH BREUL O'ROURKE, X/SYRACUSE**; and chapter president of the year: **ASHLEY ANDREW**, at **SYRACUSE'S** Greek awards.

Not pictured

BETA DELTA CHAPTER was named **ARIZONA'S** most improved chapter and a 2012 chapter of excellence at its Greek awards.

KAPPA CHAPTER won outstanding leader, Heather Boone; outstanding Greek athlete, Erin Donegan; and the Dean's Award at Drake's Greek Gala.



EPSILON IOTA won three awards at the **WESTMINSTER** Honors and Awards Ceremony: academics, key to success, and service. The chapter was recognized for outstanding new member, Panhellenic council member, chapter president, Greek athlete, Greek senior, chapter advisor, living the ritual, top chapter grades and top 2012 new member grades at Westminster's Greek awards.



ALPHA GAMMA CHAPTER received awards for academic excellence; outstanding scholarship program; outstanding community service; outstanding safety, health, & wellness; outstanding diversity program; outstanding collaboration; outstanding president: **ASHLEY FERKOL**; and chapter of the year at **OHIO STATE'S** Greek awards.



FOUNDERS DAY

A Fifty-year Thetas **JOANNE PERSON SHULTZ**, $\Gamma\Sigma$ /SAN DIEGO STATE; **CAROLE NIEMELA HERSHMAN**, $\Delta\Delta$ /WASHINGTON; **MERRILY MILLS BOARDMAN**, O/USC ; and **MERI ARMS SWAFFORD**, BE/UCLA , and 75-year Theta **ANN PARK BOYT**, $\text{BI}/\text{COLORADO}$, celebrated at the **PALOS VERDES PENINSULA ALUMNAE CHAPTER'S** Founders Day event.

B The **DAYTON ALUMNAE CHAPTER** had a wonderful Founders Day celebration, complete with a visit from Fraternity Vice President **MANDY BURGETT WUSHINSKE**, $\Sigma\Sigma/\text{OHIO NORTHERN}$.

C Theta Foundation Trustee **LISA DAVIS OLNEY**, $\Delta\text{E}/\text{ARIZONA STATE}$, and mother **KENDALL SCHELLIE-DANIELS** and daughter

ter **MORGEN DANIELS**, both $\text{BA}/\text{ARIZONA}$, visited at **BETA DELTA CHAPTER'S** alumnae brunch, which celebrated the chapter's 95th anniversary.

D The **DENVER ALUMNAE CHAPTER** Lunch Bunch celebrated 25 years of sisterhood.

E The **NASHVILLE ALUMNAE CHAPTER** hosted a Senior Service for the members of **ETA PHI/BELMONT** and **ALPHA ETA/VANDERBILT**.

F **DOTTY WARNER BROWN** and **JOYCE HARRISON HONEYMAN**, both alumnae of **BETA ZETA/OKLAHOMA STATE**, caught up at the **SEATTLE ALUMNAE CHAPTER'S** Founders Day celebration.

G The **SAN FRANCISCO** and **MARIN COUNTY ALUMNAE CHAPTERS** celebrated

Founders Day with collegians from **EPSILON UPSILON/SAN FRANCISCO** and **OMEGA/UC BERKELEY**.

H Initiation classes of 1979-1982 from **BETA CHAPTER** met in Bloomington, Ind., to attend **INDIANA UNIVERSITY'S** Little 500 bicycle race weekend. The women watched the Beta Chapter collegians claim second place at the women's race, went on a facility tour, and enjoyed a tailgate party.

I Mother **BRYNNE WILLIAMS-SHANER**, daughter **MORGAN SHANER**, and grandmother **JANE JONES WILLIAMS**, all **ALPHA/DEPAUW**, celebrated Morgan's initiation. Morgan is a fourth-generation Theta and was initiated with her great-grandmother's (**KATHRYN ISBELL JONES**, $\text{B}/\text{INDIANA}$) badge.



Benefit co-chair **VICKI LAUGHLIN MCCLUGGAGE**, USC Trustee **MICHELE DEDEAUX ENGEMANN**; and actress **MARLO THOMAS**, all alumnae of O/USC , celebrated Thomas's USC Town and Gown Lifetime Achievement Award at Town and Gown's annual benefit luncheon. (Also see p. 24.)



Fraternity Vice President **PAIGE BENDEL ELLERMAN**, $\text{GI}/\text{KENTUCKY}$, (second from left) joined the **WASHINGTON DC-SUBURBAN MARYLAND ALUMNAE CHAPTER** at its summer mentor planning meeting.



Many members from a variety of chapters participated in **THE INLAND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ALUMNAE CHAPTER'S** third annual Founders Day tea.



BETA OMICRON CHAPTER was honored with excellence in recruitment intake/retention; excellence in values congruence & accountability; excellence in risk reduction and management; and the 2012 Chapter of the Year at **IOWA'S** Greek awards.



GOOD TIMES

J Great Falls, Mont., alumnae **KATY DORAN KUNTZ**, **LISETTE BENNETT CARTER**, and **MARJORIE SPLAN STAPP**, all AN/MONTANA; (back) **SYDNE THISTED ABERNATHY**, AN/MONTANA; **POLLY FASBENDER KOLSTAD**, AA/WASHINGTON; **LOIS BENEDICT SANDVIG**, AP/SOUTH DAKOTA; and **NORMA BEATTY ASHBY**, **IRENE STRETCH BROWN**, **DI ANNE STEPHENS EMMONS**, **WENDY MILLER DAVIDSON**, and **PAMELA HIPPE BENNETT**, all AN/MONTANA, met for a local reunion.

K ALPHA LAMBDA CHAPTER at WASHINGTON held a special initiation ceremony for alumnae initiate, and former National CASA staff member, **MICHELLE FINET**. **ELISE CONNOR ROWAN**, Γ/BUTLER; **FINET** and **CHELSEA BROGAN-FERGUSON**, both AA/WASHINGTON; (back) **NANCY LUNDBERG FROST** and **MARILEE WATTS MCCORRISTON**, both AA/WASHINGTON; **ASHLEY KING**, ΔE/ARIZONA STATE; **JOYCE HARRISON HONEYMAN**, BZ/OKLAHOMA STATE; **KAY KNAPTON**, ΔΣ/WASHINGTON STATE; and **MARY WORCESTER ANDERSON**, AA/WASHINGTON, were present for the celebration.

L MIAMI ALUMNAE CHAPTER members **LISA MOE SEARS**, BZ/OKLAHOMA STATE; **TIMI NICHOLS-SPAR**, BN/FLORIDA STATE; **LYN SEARS PARKS**, BO/IOWA; **DONNA FLOYD**

FALES, BA/WILLIAM & MARY; **GAYLE BAINBRIDGE**, ΔΓ/OHIO STATE; **CAROL FIFIELD**, BO/IOWA; and **BETSY HOOVER-THOMAS** and **CAROLINA PEDROLETTI MCCAIN**, both ΔΘ/FLORIDA, held their March meeting, at which the chapter honored Fales for her community service and international tennis achievements.

Not pictured

ETA SIGMA CHAPTER at CHAPMAN presents founders awards to one woman from each grade level who represents the ideals of Theta's founders and were presented this year by Theta Foundation Trustee **CATHIE WATERS CARDELUCCI**, BE/UCLA. The award winners were **Hannah Fitch Shaw Award**, **ELAINE YU**; **Bettie Tipton Lindsey Award**, **MEGAN SANKER**; **Alice Allen Brant Award**, **RACHEL CHERNICK**; and **Bettie Locke Hamilton Award**, **KALYNNE COLEMAN**.

LAMBDA CHAPTER took outstanding sophomore, outstanding junior, outstanding advisor, and public ritual awards at VERMONT'S Greek awards ball.

DELTA EPSILON CHAPTER was awarded outstanding community involvement, outstanding chapter leader (**JULIANN LIEB**), and named Panhellenic chapter of the year at ARIZONA STATE'S Greek awards.

ALPHA UPSILON CHAPTER was given a Rising Star Award at WASHBURN'S Greek banquet. ♦

THETA AUTHORS



KATIE MCKINNEY FOX, ΓΥ/MIAMI, has just released *Educating Alex*, a novel described as, "a tale of modern romance, community, and hope, following protagonist Alex True on a journey to bring life back to a school in need." The novel comes complete with a book club guide.



RUTH STRYKER-GORDON, Υ/MINNESOTA, has published her sixth book, an e-book titled *Catching Canine Abusers*. It uncovers the worlds of dog fighting, greyhound racing, and puppy mills, and the relationship between family abuse and pet abuse.



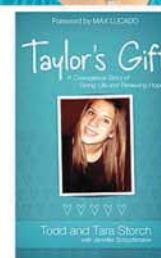
ARDYTH MEYER (PHILYAW) HUGHES, ΔΨ/UC RIVERSIDE, has authored her second novel, *Tintagel Rising*, a thriller about Jocelyn Summerhill, an archeologist and professor who travels back in time to uncover evidence of King Arthur's existence.



BECKY CLEM WADE, EE/BAYLOR, has released her second contemporary romance novel, *Undeniably Yours*. The novel features the relationship between Meg Cole, who unexpectedly inherits her deceased father's oil empire and thoroughbred racehorse farm, and Bo Porter, the farm's manager. Also, The Romance Writers of America 2013 Awards named Wade's *My Stubborn Heart* a finalist.



TARA TAYLOR STORCH, ΔΩ/TEXAS A&M, and her husband, Todd, have released *Taylor's Gift: A Courageous Story of Giving Life and Renewing Hope*. The new book recounts the couple's loss of their 13-year-old daughter Taylor in a skiing accident, and their decision to donate her organs to help others live.



A NEW TAG LINE FOR KAPPA ALPHA THETA

LEADING

BY AMY HAYNER KATES, AΦ/TULANE

How do you define Kappa Alpha Theta? How do you encapsulate our distinguished history; our notable members; our mission, vision, and values? It's a challenge! And it's especially challenging if you may use only a few words.

Over our nearly 150-year history, Theta has been represented by a continuum of symbols and phrases. Kites, pansies, twin stars. "Finest and most rewarding," "Fraternity of firsts," "True Promise."

It was True Promise, in fact, that was adopted as the Fraternity's tag line five years ago. It was intended to convey the nature of the relationship between the Fraternity and her members: we pledge loyalty to Theta, and Theta pledges to provide us with opportunities for life-long sisterhood. *Promise* also denotes potential, and True Promise was intended to reflect the enormous potential of our members for social, intellectual, and moral growth.

One of the strengths of True Promise is that it can mean different things to different Thetas; each member could define it for herself. Conversely—and unfortunately—that strength also turned out to be a weakness. As an organization, we were unable to consistently articulate our message, and this made it difficult for chapters and individuals to articulate it, too.

As part of our Plan of Aspirations, Theta partnered with a strategic marketing firm to survey a random sampling of 50,000 members during spring 2012. Only 14 percent of survey respondents correctly identified True Promise as the Fraternity's current tag line.

So we began the process of refreshing our verbal branding elements to make sure they reinforce our mission and vision statements and have meaning for our members. We worked with the same marketing firm to redefine our brand promise and develop new Fraternity tag line options for member consideration and Council approval. All the new tag line options were developed based on a set of keywords provided by members during the first survey, as well as those that speak to the mission, values, and ritual of Kappa Alpha Theta. These tests were conducted in person at Grand Convention 2012 in Tucson, and by follow-ups conducted via email with different audiences.

KAPPA ALPHA THETA

LEADING WOMEN



WOMEN

This was a very interesting process! Our tag line needs to describe an organization of women of all ages; who went to college in nearly every US state and Canadian province; who live all over the world; who have different professions, faiths, and ethnic backgrounds. It's certainly to be expected that different words and phrases would resonate more or less strongly with these diverse individuals.

In our Council discussions about Theta's tag line, we found ourselves returning again and again to one word: *leading*. In creating Kappa Alpha Theta, our founders were leading the way for women's groups and for women in higher education. Our Fraternity is known as a leading women's group; our ideas and programs have often been on the cutting edge. As individual and as chapters, we are known for leading in our communities and on our campuses.

After a great deal of careful thought, Council voted unanimously to adopt Leading Women as Kappa Alpha Theta's tag line. Take a minute to think about Leading Women and how it represents who we are, where we've been, and where we're going.

Now, we know that it's going to take some of you time to warm up to our new tag line. That's OK! Please take your time. This was not an easy decision for us, and I'm sure we thought through the same questions, or even concerns, that are going through your head right now.

We believe that Leading Women appropriately represents Kappa Alpha Theta at this point in our history. Theta membership leads women into a life of friends, experiences, and goals that she might not have had otherwise. Being a Theta leads a woman to personal excellence, offering her ways to become her best self. Our ritual, in fact, commands us to be nobler women, to lead ourselves to personal excellence and to lead others there as well. It commands us to set the bar high.

And when Thetas model personal excellence, we not only have the chance to lead on our campuses, in our communities, and in our professions, we have the chance to effect real change. Just as Bettie, Hannah, Alice, and Bettie did. ♦

About the author: Amy Kates, ΑΦ/Tulane, is serving her second term as Fraternity president. In addition to serving three previous terms as Fraternity vice-president, Kates has held the offices of third alternate Panhellenic delegate and college district president. She is a charter Life Loyal Theta.

A LEADING WOMEN LIST

Kappa Alpha Theta is known as a leading women's group; our ideas and programs have often been on the cutting edge. "Leader" is not a title conferred or an office held; as individuals and as chapters, Thetas are known for leading in our communities and on our campuses.

The first women admitted to Phi Beta Kappa were Thetas.

The first women's fraternity to establish a chapter in Canada was Kappa Alpha Theta.

Nancy Kassebaum, K/Kansas, was the first woman to chair a major United States Senate committee, the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

Adelaide MacDonald Sinclair, Σ/Toronto, was the first Canadian delegate to the United Nations.

Julia Morgan, Ω/UC Berkeley, was the first woman to study architecture at and graduate from the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris, then the premier school of architecture in the world, as well as the first woman licensed as an architect in California.

Marie-Claire Kirkland Strover, ΒΨ/McGill, was the first woman elected to the National Assembly of Quebec, the first woman appointed a cabinet minister in Quebec, the first woman appointed acting premier, and the first female judge to serve in the Quebec Provincial Court.

Dian Fossey, ΓΞ/San Jose State, was the world's first female primatologist.

Theta was the first women's Greek organization established at four Ivy League universities (Cornell, Princeton, Yale, and Harvard), as well as at Michigan, Vanderbilt, Baylor, Stanford, and many other schools.

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TO NURTURE EACH MEMBER ...



Did you know that (according to a 2004 study by the American College Health Association) nearly 45 percent of college students have felt so depressed they found it difficult to function, yet only 20 percent were likely to turn to a school counselor for help?

"As a collegian, you are forced to make the transition from adolescent to adult very quickly," said Fraternity President Amy Hayner Kates, Alpha Phi/Tulane. "Sometimes relationships or events, such as homesickness, financial concerns, or family issues, make that development a bit more challenging for today's college student."

Due to the staggering statistics relating to collegians and mental health, in autumn of 2010, Kappa Alpha Theta embarked on a mental health initiative, Sisters Supporting Sisters. The goal of the program is to encourage dialogue concerning and support for all aspects of mental health by creating a safe environment for members to discuss mental health issues, providing guidance for recognizing signs of and helping members with mental health challenges and disorders, and supporting members facing mental health challenges and disorders.

The Association of Fraternity and Sorority Advisors (AFA) honored Sisters Supporting Sisters with the Excellence in Educational Programming Award in 2012. This award recognizes a new and innovative program developed by a fraternal organization for its undergraduate or graduate members. Sisters Supporting Sisters has received other accolades within the Greek community. An article by Ruth Goodman, the former editor of *The Quill of Alpha Xi Delta*, about mental health concerns among college students prominently mentioned the program and was published in *Connections*, a magazine of the Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values.

Through the generous support of Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation, Sisters Supporting Sisters has joined with All One Health, a professional telephone counseling service, to provide confidential and tailored counseling services any time of the day or night at no charge to our college chapter members. The counselors at the All One Health call line—Talk One-2-One—can work with callers to address a variety of mental health issues, including, but not limited to, stress, anxiety, cutting, depression, substance abuse, eating disorders, and personal relationships. Additionally, the counselors at Talk One-2-One can provide support to college chapter advisors who are assisting college chapter leaders with addressing mental health issues.

Sisters Supporting Sisters also provides online resource materials for college chapter members and advisors to openly discuss, recognize, and provide guidance for members facing mental health challenges and disorders. A new online mental health screening program will debut in autumn 2013 and will offer customized referral information to specific resources. Additional enhancements include expanded online resource materials for college chapters and advisors and educational curriculum on a wide spectrum on mental health issues, to be used by members and non-members alike. "We're very excited for the potential positive impact Sisters Supporting Sisters has on the personal well-being and growth of our members," said Lynne McCaul Miller, Mu/Allegheny, chairman of the Fraternity's Wellness Committee. "This one-of-a-kind program shows Theta's commitment to care for each member throughout her lifetime." ♦

STATISTICS

About one in four adults suffers from a diagnosable mental illness in a given year.

—National Institute on Mental Health

Nearly 45 percent of college students have felt so depressed they found it difficult to function, yet only 20 percent were likely to turn to a school counselor for help.

—Results of a 2004 American College Health Association study

Less than one-third of adults with a diagnosable mental disorder receive treatment in any given year.

—US Department of Health and Human Services

Treatment for mental health disorders is working. Between 70-90 percent of those who seek help see a vast improvement in their symptoms.

—National Alliance for the Mentally Ill

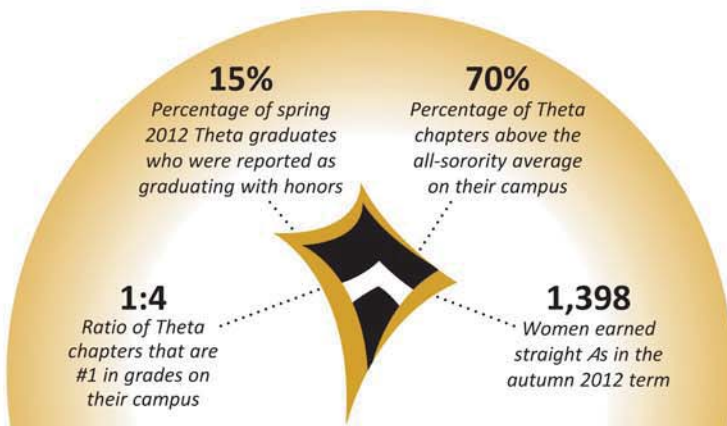


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| Number of chapters in each GPA range (based on reported autumn 2012 grades) | |
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| 3.5+ | 17 |
| 3.25 – 3.49 | 72 |
| 3.0 – 3.24 | 27 |
| 2.70 – 2.99 | 6 |

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THETA'S ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

by Christa Dell Sobon, ΔΖ/Emory, and Melissa Shaub, ΑΣ/Washington State

NUMBER ONE IN SCHOLARSHIP! STRAIGHT AS! GRADUATING WITH HONORS! AREN'T THOSE TALKING POINTS THAT YOU'D BE PROUD TO SHARE ABOUT KAPPA ALPHA THETA? WELL, YOU CAN BE PROUD—AND YOU SHOULD BE—BECAUSE THEY'RE ALL TRUE.

In order to have a relative indicator of performance, Theta chapter GPAs are compared with the all-sorority grade point average (ASA) on their campuses. This ensures that we are comparing apples to apples. The ten chapters performing the best when compared with the all-sorority average on their campuses are:

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| ZP/UC San Diego | K/Kansas |
| BE/Oregon State | ΔH/Kansas State |
| ΑΣ/Washington State | ΑΟ/ Oklahoma |
| ΓΖ/ Connecticut | ΑΧ/Purdue |
| ΑΨ/Lawrence | ΓΤ/Tulsa |

While there are certainly grading differences between campuses, we would like to recognize the chapters with the highest GPAs (in chapter installation order)

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| ΑΕ/Brown | ΒΡ/Duke | ΦΔ/Stanford |
| ΑΗ/Vanderbilt | ΓΤ/ Tulsa | ΕΤ/Yale |
| ΑΨ/Lawrence | ΔΖ/Emory | ΖΜ/MIT |

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KAPPA ALPHA THETA

LEADING WOMEN

2012 SCHOLARSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

The Psi Chapter at Wisconsin did an excellent job implementing its scholarship program in the autumn of 2012. As a result, their campus ranking and GPA improved.



The Epsilon Iota Chapter at Westminster has been the top NPC group in terms of grades for 17 of 19 semesters.



The Fraternity's Scholarship Committee hosted a well-attended webinar in October 2012 for scholarship advisors to discuss policy and share best practices.



120 chapters nominated a faculty member as part of Theta's inaugural Ten Outstanding Faculty Member program. This marked the first time the Fraternity has recognized faculty for contributions to colleges and universities where Theta chapters are present via an official nomination and selection process.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COLLEGE CHAPTERS THAT WERE NUMBER ONE IN SCHOLARSHIP ON THEIR CAMPUS DURING THE FALL 2012 SEMESTER!

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| Λ/Vermont | ΒΨ/McGill * |
| ΓΔ/Ohio Wesleyan | ΓΖ/Connecticut * |
| Μ/Allegheny * | ΓΤ/Tulsa |
| Ο/USC * | ΓΨ/TCU * |
| Φ/Pacific * | ΕΙ/Westminster * |
| Χ/Syracuse * | ΕΑ/Dickinson * |
| ΑΜ/Missouri | ΕΨ/Richmond |
| ΑΕ/Brown * | ΖΗ/Wofford |
| ΑΟ/Oklahoma * | ΖΡ/UC San Diego * |
| ΑΡ/South Dakota | ΖΣ/Ohio Northern |
| ΑΣ/Washington State * | ΖΥ/Texas-Dallas |
| ΑΨ/Lawrence * | ΗΗ/College of Idaho * |
| ΒΕ/Oregon State | ΗΜ/Occidental |
| ΒΑ/William & Mary * | ΗΞ/Quinnipiac |
| ΒΝ/Florida State | ΗΟ/North Florida |
| ΒΥ/British Columbia | ΗΣ/Chapman * |
| ΒΧ/Alberta * | ΗΦ/Belmont |

* Repeated #1 in scholarship

“Everybody can be **great**, because everybody can **serve**.”



KAΘ DAY of SERVICE
October 19

Thetas around the globe are Linked Heart to Heart on the Fraternity's Day of Service each October 19. In honor of Bettie Locke Hamilton's birthday, we strive to impact the lives of others and improve our campuses and communities.

Now in its fifth year, Day of Service links Theta collegians and alumnae heart to heart as they join together to spread the widest influence for good. Thank you to all the Thetas who are planning to make the 2013 Day of Service another success!



October
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Since its inception, Theta's Day of Service has continued to grow. College and alumnae chapters organize events for their members, but individual Thetas also participate. No act of service is too small! Imagine the impact our Fraternity could have if every Theta gave just a little bit of her time to help those in need.

Some successful projects from past years include:

Cleaning up litter in a park

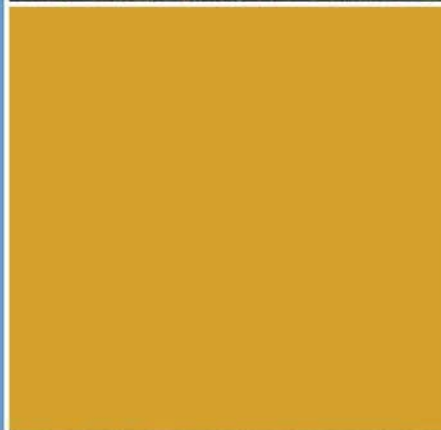
Serving a meal at a soup kitchen

Visiting with senior citizens in a retirement home

Participating in community art projects

Reading to a child

Walking dogs at the local animal shelter



Not sure how to get started?

The Day of Service page on the Fraternity website has step-by-step instructions, tips, templates, and much more! What will you do this year to spread the widest influence for good?

www.kappaalphatheta.org

KITES FLYING HIGH

JOHNS HOPKINS TUFTS ST. LOUIS NORTH CAROLINA STATE

OUR THETA FAMILY IS GROWING! THIS AUTUMN, WE'LL RE-ESTABLISH THE ZETA CHI CHAPTER AT JOHNS HOPKINS AS WELL AS WELCOME NEW COLLEGE CHAPTERS AT TUFTS UNIVERSITY, ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY, AND NORTH CAROLINA STATE. IF YOU KNOW A YOUNG WOMAN ATTENDING OR PLANNING TO ATTEND ONE OF THESE SCHOOLS, YOU MAY SUBMIT A LETTER OF REFERENCE FOR HER TO JENNI BROUGHTON, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CHAPTER SERVICES, VIA THE ONLINE FORM AT WWW.KAPPAALPHATHETA.ORG OR VIA MAIL TO KAPPA ALPHA THETA, 8740 FOUNDERS RD., INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46268.

ZX/JOHNS HOPKINS

Johns Hopkins, home of Zeta Chi, is a private research university based in Baltimore. The university was founded on January 22, 1876, and named for its benefactor, the entrepreneur, abolitionist, and philanthropist Johns Hopkins. The Johns Hopkins University Press, founded in 1878, is the oldest American university press in continuous operation. The school of medicine was America's first coeducational, graduate-level medical school; in 1909, the university was among the first to start adult continuing education programs; and in 1916, it founded the first school of public health in the US. Thirty-six Nobel Prize winners have been associated with Johns Hopkins.

The Zeta Chi Chapter was originally established on April 20, 1997. Sixty-seven new members were initiated by Fraternity officers, local alumnae, and members of the Zeta Tau Chapter at Delaware. The home of Elizabeth Chapel, Omicron/USC, was the setting for several of the services. A touch of whimsy was added to the proceedings when the Chapel family cat decided to attend.

Sept. 15 Recruitment Kickoff
Oct. 25-27 Initiation & Installation Celebration



HW/TUFTS UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1852 by Christian Universalists as a non-sectarian institution of higher learning, Tufts University is a private research university located near Boston. Organized into 10 schools, including two undergraduate programs and eight graduate divisions, the school is known for its internationalism and study abroad programs. Among its schools is the United States' oldest graduate school of international relations. Tufts alumni in the government sector include Kostas Karamanlis, former Prime Minister of Greece, and Shashi Tharoor, former United Nations under-secretary general and Indian minister. The Eta Psi Chapter will be chartered at Tufts.

Sept. 13 Recruitment Kickoff
Nov. 1-3 Initiation & Installation Celebration

HQ/ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY

SLU (pronounced slew) is a private research university located in St. Louis, Mo. Founded in 1818, it is the oldest university west of the Mississippi River and the second-oldest Jesuit college in the US. Nearly 100 undergraduate programs and more than 70 graduate programs are offered to students from all 50 states and almost 70 countries. This year, SLU's health law program was named number one in the nation by health law scholars for the ninth consecutive year. The university's sports teams are known as Billikens, after a fad toy said to bestow good luck that was invented by a St. Louis resident in the early twentieth century. The Eta Omega Chapter will be founded at SLU.

Sept. 20
Nov. 8-11

Recruitment Kickoff
Initiation & Installation
Celebration



SAINT LOUIS
UNIVERSITY



ΘΘ/NORTH CAROLINA STATE

North Carolina State University is a public research university founded in 1887 in Raleigh, North Carolina. Today, NC State has an enrollment of more than 34,000 students, making it the largest university in North Carolina. NC State offers 106 bachelor's degrees and has historical strengths in agriculture, life sciences, design, engineering, and textiles. The graduate school offers 104 master's degrees, 61 doctoral degrees, and a doctor of veterinary medicine. The university holds more than 760 US patents, and more than 1,500 patents worldwide, yielding more than 250 consumer products. NC State will be home to the Theta Theta Chapter.

Oct. 4 **Recruitment Kickoff**
Nov. 22-24 **Initiation & Installation Celebration**



NC STATE UNIVERSITY

Tufts
UNIVERSITY

Lauren Whitney

A THETA OF NOTE

LAUREN WHITNEY, DELTA EPSILON/ARIZONA STATE, IS WEATHER ANCHOR AT CBS4 IN DENVER. WHEN NOT REPORTING ON THE RAPIDLY CHANGING CONDITIONS AND UNIQUE WEATHER PATTERNS OF COLORADO, SHE ENJOYS BEING A COACH FOR THE GIRLS ON THE RUN PROGRAM. BEFORE JOINING CBS4, WHITNEY WAS THE MORNING WEATHER ANCHOR AT KKCO-TV IN GRAND JUNCTION, COLO.

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WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST JOB?

My first job was working retail at a mall while in high school. My next job was a blast! I'm a huge sports fan and had an amazing opportunity to work for the Arizona Diamondbacks while I was a student at ASU. I was the original "Game Host," roving through the stands, interviewing fans, and announcing contests.

WHAT IS YOUR PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENT?

I'm glad I stuck to my career path when times were challenging. I learned so much during the time I spent cutting my teeth at a small market station, but I was often homesick, my Arizona blood couldn't handle the cold, and there were times I was down to just a few dollars in my bank account. I stuck with it and I couldn't be happier that I didn't give up.

WHAT LIVING PERSON DO YOU MOST ADMIRE?

I admire the unsung heroes who work selflessly for others. From teachers who make a difference in the lives of their students, to the nurses who take tremendous care of their patients, to military spouses—there are so many people who give so much with little recognition or financial compensation in return. I think they are the truly admirable people in this world.

IF YOU COULD INVITE FIVE PEOPLE, LIVING OR DEAD, TO DINNER, WHO WOULD THEY BE?

My dinner party would be a group of smart, funny ladies. Diane Sawyer, for one. I think she's an excellent role model for women in television. Tina Fey and Amy Poehler, for sure; they are hilarious. Julia Child would be on the list so she could whip us up something fabulous. Plus, I think she'd have some great stories to tell. And Oprah. I love Oprah.

LOOKING AT MY PHOTO NO ONE WOULD GUESS THAT ...

I'm nearly six feet tall. Whenever I meet viewers, they always say, "You're so tall!" I love to wear heels, and I'm often the tallest person in the room. I'm OK with that.

IF YOU COULD CHANGE ONE THING ABOUT YOURSELF, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Like many women, I can be overly critical of myself. I've heard that the advice most people would give their younger self is "Don't be afraid to get it wrong; you'll figure it out." And not to be so worried about what other people think. I try to remind myself of this when I get caught up in self-doubt.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THETA MEMORY?

Aside from all of the great socials and getting a T-shirt for every possible activity (which I've since made into a quilt), for me the best part of being in Theta was being around a fabulous group of strong, smart women who were always there for each other. It might sound cliché, but that simple truth is my favorite Theta memory. Some of my best friendships started during those years, and they continue today. I'm proud of my Theta sisters, and I know they are of me. ♦



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WHAT JULIE HEATH AND I DIDN'T REALIZE WHEN WE FORMED OUR LAW FIRM WAS THAT IT WAS THE BEGINNING OF A VERY SPECIAL BUSINESS ENDEAVOR—AND THAT IT WAS 100 PERCENT THETA.

FIRMLY THETA

BY LIZA FARROW-GILLESPIE, AΘ/Texas



Attorneys and Theta sisters Julie Heath, BZ/Oklahoma State, Liza Farrow-Gillespie, AΘ/Texas, and Jennifer Gadd Snow, AΘ/Oklahoma, in the offices of Farrow-Gillespie & Heath LLP.

I met Julie back in the mid-1990s. We were both escapees from big law firms and were working as solo attorneys in Dallas. For a few years, we ran into each other fairly regularly.

Then I was hired for a case with a Goliath law firm on the other side of it. Needing help, I thought of Julie and asked her to work with me. Julie and I live at opposite ends of the spectrum on just about every front: political, philosophical, demographic, athletic, even body type (she is a permanent size zero, and I doubt I will ever break into the single digits). But somehow, working on that case, we clicked. We took it all the way to jury trial in federal court, and in classic underdog fashion (cue the Rocky music), we won. I celebrated by partying into the night. Julie probably swung by the gym and went to bed early. But we had developed a healthy respect for each other's strengths.

Shortly after the conclusion of that case, my husband and I moved away from Dallas for some years. When we returned, Julie and I had another short but successful joint venture. Afterward, I picked up the phone and called her.

"Hey. You want to share some office space?"

"Sure," she replied.

"We could just bite the bullet and form a law firm."

"OK, sounds good to me."

And that was the full extent of our partnership agreement.

This exchange, mind you, came from two women who never could, and still cannot, discuss any political or social issue together without steam coming out of all four ears. What was it that made us know we could count on each other? Why were we confident that we could co-exist in that first broom closet of a downtown office that we leased with such trepidation? We never bothered to analyze the bond, but neither did we question its existence.

When it came time to decide on the firm's name, we flipped a coin—winner gets to choose. Julie won the toss, and promptly put my name first.

A couple of years and some successes later, I had the chance to pay her back when we expanded the firm to new skyscraper space. The suite had a corner office to die for.

"You take it."

"No, you take it."

"No, you take it."

I sneaked in with the movers and directed them to put Julie's furniture in the corner office. Then just to be safe I set up her computer, unpacked her files, and mounted her name plate on the door. Done and done.

For those who may not be aware, behavior like this is alien to the male-dominated law-firm environment.

By then, though, we knew we owned an enterprise that was out of the ordinary. For one thing, the firm was and still is 100 percent female. For another thing, Julie and I discovered that we had been similarly grounded in our young adult years in the importance of sisterly relationships and responsibilities. It must have been a couple of months after we opened for business in the broom closet that an envelope arrived with "Theta Alumnae Association" on the front. We both reached for it.

"That's for me."

"Um ... no, probably for me."

And then at the same time: "You're a Theta?"

It turns out that Julie is a member of the Beta Zeta Chapter at Oklahoma State, and I am a member of the Alpha Theta Chapter at Texas. I don't want to go overboard and say that our common experience in Kappa Alpha Theta is the source of the success of our working relationship—but neither do I think it is mere coincidence. By pledging Theta, each of us reached out to the same stated values. Theta, in its turn, selects for a shortlist of shared core qualities. Julie and I are living proof that such commonality, whether we are aware of it or not, can take credit for bridging very different life views and supporting otherwise intimidating business endeavors.

Over the past six years, Julie and I have hired attorneys, paralegals, and staff; and we are now a nine-lawyer firm. Qualifications and education are, of course, key considerations in the hiring process. All other things equal, however, the following is also true. While interviewing honors law graduate Jennifer Gadd Snow for an associate position, we noticed one thing on her resume that set her apart from the other contenders. She is a Theta.

Needless to say, we snapped her up. ◇



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"All the girls on TV are somebody's wife or somebody's mother or somebody's secretary. What if the girl was the somebody?" These words, uttered by actress Marlo Thomas, Omicron/USC, were the genesis for *That Girl*, a situation comedy in which Thomas portrayed the first single working woman on American television.

Not many television series can be described as socially or psychologically groundbreaking, but *That Girl* is probably one of them. It was the forerunner of the highly successful *Mary Tyler Moore Show*, *Murphy Brown*, and *Ally McBeal*, and it can be viewed as an early indicator of the changing roles of women in feminist-era America. It also presented female independence as a site of struggle, both against the restrictions of the male-dominated workplace and the social and familial pressures for marriage.

Makers: Women Who Make America is a 2013 documentary about the struggle for women's equality in the United States during the last five decades of the twentieth century. According to www.makers.com, the film tells the story of "... a revolution that has unfolded in public and private, in courts and Congress, in the boardroom and the bedroom, changing not only what the world expects from women, but what women expect from themselves." Among the trailblazing women who are interviewed in the documentary are Hillary Rodham Clinton, Madeleine Albright, Betty Friedan, Christiane Amanpour, Geraldine Ferraro, Condoleezza Rice, women who appear on the Forbes Most Powerful Women list ... and Marlo Thomas.

Maybe it seems odd for the star of a five-season TV series—even a landmark series like *That Girl*—to be considered a trailblazer. But Thomas's career is multi-faceted; she is also an author, a social activist, and a philanthropist. She was the creative force

behind *Free To Be ... You and Me*, a multi-media project that aimed to teach kids that boys and girls aren't that different after all: that every child, no matter which gender, can wear whatever, like whatever, behave however it wants. That every child can be free just to be. *Free To Be* told girls they could grow up to be both mommies and doctors, and they didn't have to get married if they didn't want to. It told boys they could cry or play with dolls without fear of scorn. It said boys and girls could be friends. *The Free to Be* book became a best-seller; the eponymous TV special won an Emmy and a Peabody.

Profits from *Free to Be ... You and Me* benefited the Ms Foundation for Women, which was founded in 1973 by Thomas, Patricia Carbine, Letty Cottin Pogrebin, Gloria Steinem, and Marie C. Wilson. According to its website, the foundation is dedicated to "elevating women's voices and creating positive change for women nationwide." It makes grants that are paired with skills-building, networking, and other strategic opportunities to advance women's grassroots solutions and to build social movements concentrating on four areas: building democracy, economic justice, ending violence, and women's health. One of the foundation's early initiatives was the establishment of Take Our Daughters to Work Day.

Marlo Thomas's father, entertainer Danny Thomas, founded St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. Today, she serves as national outreach director for the hospital, which celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in 2012. In an article in the American Airlines in-flight magazine, Thomas explained the founding principles of the hospital: "No child will ever be turned away for his or her family's inability to pay (we pay for everything—treatment, travel, food, lodging—whatever it takes to make

Free to be ...

Marlo

a child better) and that the hospital's pioneering research and discoveries will always be freely shared with doctors and scientists around the globe."

In case Thomas's career as outlined so far doesn't make you feel a little exhausted, there's more. She has been honored for her activism with the Helen Caldicott Award for Nuclear Disarmament, the ACLU's Thomas Paine Award, the American Women in Radio and Television Satellite Award, and the William Kunstler Racial Justice Award. In addition to *Free to Be ... You and Me*, she has authored five other books: *The Right Words at the Right Time* (volumes one and two), *Growing Up Laughing*, *Thanks and Giving All Year Long*, and *Free to Be ... A Family*. She has a website, marlothomas.com. Along with the above-mentioned Emmy and Peabody awards, she has been honored with three more Emmy Awards, a Golden Globe, and a Grammy and has been inducted into the Broadcasting Hall of Fame. And she continues to act; her most recent theatrical appearance was a critically acclaimed performance in Elaine May's *George Is*

Dead on Broadway.

In April, another accolade came her way: Town and Gown, the University of Southern California's longest-serving support organization, honored Marlo Thomas with its Lifetime Achievement Award. The award was bestowed at the group's annual benefit luncheon, which raised more than \$125,000 for USC scholarships and was attended by 800 people. Among the attendees were more than 90 Thetas, including Fraternity President Amy Hayner Kates, Alpha Phi/Tulane, and Theta Foundation Trustee Vicki Laughlin McCluggage, Omicron/USC, who also served as the benefit's co-chairman.



Reprinted with permission, below, are excerpts from Thomas's speech accepting the Town and Gown Lifetime Achievement Award.

Where It All Began

By Marlo Thomas, O/USC

I am very happy to be in the presence of so many Trojans! There are five in my family alone, including my sister, Terre, and my brother, Tony, long-standing, avid alums who are here with me today. And I do mean *avid*: each of them actually had the USC marching band at parties they threw.

Seeing everyone today has brought back so many memories. All morning I've had music playing in my head like the soundtrack of an old movie. Songs we used to play at the Theta house: "Mack the Knife," "Put Your Head on my Shoulder," "Wake Up, Little Susie."

And now here I am, a lifetime later, accepting this extraordinary award. I am very touched by this recognition.

Protocol would dictate that I begin by thanking all of you behind this honor—the Town and Gown people, the deans, and, of course my soul sisters of Kappa Alpha Theta. And I do thank you.

But I can't help it. I'm a comedian's daughter, and when I see this many people gathered in a room, I'm genetically bound to tell a funny story.

A young woman finds herself seated next to Albert Einstein at a luncheon quite like this one. After a while, she turns to Dr. Einstein and asks, "Well, what do you do?"

Professor Einstein says, "I study physics."

And she says, "Oh, really. I finished that three years ago."

I love to hear laughter. A friend of mine once told me that laughing together has an intimacy. It's like dancing together. And I think that's the real achievement

of my life: that I have hung on to the love of laughter that I learned as a child.

I was an English major at USC, and I remember a great quote by Emerson. He said: "Do not go where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path ... and leave a trail."

All young people have to make their own trail, and this was the big challenge of my young life. When I was 18 and just trying to make a name for myself as an actress, I got the lead in *Gigi* in summer stock. I was so excited. I was on my way! But every interview, every review, compared me to my famous father. Will she be as good as Danny Thomas? As funny? Will she last as long?

It was very discouraging. So with a lump in my throat, I went to my father and said, "Daddy, I love you, but I don't want to be a Thomas anymore. I want to change my name and make my own way."

He looked at me and said, "I raised you to be a thoroughbred, and thoroughbreds run their own races. They don't look at any of the other horses; they just wear their blinders, and they run. And that's what you have to do. Don't compare yourself to me or anyone else. You just run your own race."

A few nights later, a big box arrived at the theatre, with a red ribbon around it, and inside was a pair of old horse blinders and a little note that said, "Run your own race, baby."

And that is what I've tried to do. When my Theta sisters were getting married one by one, I excitedly went with them to pick out their china and silver. But even so, I vowed that the domestic scene was not for me, and that I was going to pursue my career. No surprise

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... I begin by
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course my
soul sisters of
Kappa Alpha Theta.”

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that I created the first single career girl on television, who told her make-believe father—just as she told her real life-father—“Daddy, I don’t want to get married. I want a career.”

Revolutionary for TV in the '60s. And not so easy for the daughter of a first-generation American/Lebanese father, either.

But every girl has a role model somewhere in her family tree. And for me it was my grandmother, my mother’s mother. She was a real character. She looked like a dark-haired, dark-eyed Sophie Tucker. And she sang in that same kind of husky, raucous voice. But grandma did Sophie one better—she also played the drums. In her 70s, she was playing drums with her little band, called “Marie’s Merry Music Makers,” in a beer garden in Pasadena. During the week she billed herself as “Danny Thomas’s mother-in-law” and on the weekends, to get the younger crowd, she billed herself as “Marlo Thomas’s grandmother.”

Of course, everyone tried to get her to act her age and give up the drums ... or at least the beer gardens. My mother wished she would just retire to making pasta and babysitting, and my father wished she was Bob Hope’s mother-in-law. People always ask me when I became a feminist. And I always say it started with Grandma.

And that vow never to marry? Well, I went on this talk show, and flirted for a full hour with the host, saying brilliant, feminist things like, “Oh, Phil!” and “Oh, you’re so funny, Phil!” It was really embarrassing. Then at the end of the *Donahue Show*, Phil took my hand and said, “Well, you are a just a fabulous guest.” And I, never one to demur from expressing myself fully, said, “You are wonderful and kind, and you like women, and whoever is the woman in your life is very lucky.” And when I told my mother a few months later that I’d fallen in love with a man with five children, she said, “Oh, what a joke on you!”

But joke or not, next month Phil and I will be married 33 years.

And so, I stayed on my Emerson journey, picking the unknown roads. When my friends and I created *Free To Be ... You and Me* in the early 1970s, none of us was sure how it would be received, but we were dead sure that the message we were delivering to kids was the right message.

When I became a part of the women’s movement not long after that, none of us was sure that we would triumph in our fight for equality, but we were dead sure that our bond of sisterhood would see us through the battles, and that we’d draw strength and inspiration from each other. But, eventually, all life’s trails lead us back to family. And for my family, nothing is more personal than St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

Terre and Tony and I had never intended to carry the torch of St. Jude. In fact, Dad had been quite clear to us that the work of the hospital would not be our burden to carry after he was gone. Which was psychologically brilliant. As he knew we would, the three of us work side by side and diligently all year long.

Soon after Dad died, I took a trip to Memphis to let everyone at the hospital know that we’d be there if they needed us. When I got to the driveway at the hospital, with the 15-foot statue of St. Jude standing tall at the entrance, I sat in the car, paralyzed. I didn’t want to go inside. It was all too fresh. I also didn’t want to cry in front of the children or their parents.

They had enough heartache of their own.

So I pulled myself together and went inside. In the lobby, a party was going on. There was ice cream and cake. Confetti. Balloons. And the happy clamor of children running around in party hats.

“Whose birthday is it?” I asked a nurse.

“Oh, it’s not a birthday party,” she said. “It’s an off-chemo party.”

I had never seen anything like this before. Here were all these little children celebrating and deriving strength from one child’s turn for the better, with their parents and grandparents standing by with tears in their eyes. If this child could make it, maybe their beloved child would, too.

These children have changed my life. I’m a different person because of them. I have looked into their little faces and seen such courage and strength and compassion and an unbelievable capacity for joy in the face of such adversity. And I’ve seen the humanity that is possible in all of us.

And I’ve gotten to know them and their families, just as my father had. I’ve been to their graduations and their weddings and even their funerals. I have held a dying child in my arms and said goodbye. I never thought I could bear such a thing. But I have. And it changed me.

And so this has been my life ... the one for which you honor me today.

Was I the best student at the University of Southern California? Not by a long shot. Did I skip a class or two when a cute basketball player suggested I cut math and grab a coffee at the grill? Guilty as charged. Would I have wound up making Emerson’s journey anyway, even if I’d never stepped foot on the USC campus? Who knows?

But what I am sure of is USC was where it all began for me. You took a kid from Beverly Hills—who’d never been in a classroom before that didn’t have uniforms and nuns—and, for the first time in her life, you spread the world out in front of her and said, “OK. Take a look. That’s your life out there. What are you going to do with it?”

And for you to honor me today for what I wound up doing tells me that maybe I left that trail after all. It is one of the greatest honors I will ever receive. For that, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. ♦



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Continuing the work of her father, who founded St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital (above), Marlo Thomas serves as national outreach director for the hospital (below).

Reading Women

A THETA BOOK CLUB

The First Husband, by Laura Dave; *Code Name Verity*, by Elizabeth Wein; *The Women Who Raised Me*, by Victoria Rowell.

Can you guess what these books have in common? First, they are recently published works by women and about women. Second (and most important!) they—along with three others—are the 2013-14 book selections for Reading Women, a new Theta book club.

Reading Women is a unique concept, designed to engage alumnae and collegians around the world. You can be part of this new book club virtually, by participating in online discussion forums and a scheduled live chat, accessible from the Theta website. Additionally, college and alumnae chapters, alumnae circles, and groups of interested Thetas may participate in Reading Women live and in person. To facilitate that, helpful tools, including a book club guide, will be posted online when each book is announced.

Book selections will encompass a variety of genres, from historical non-fiction to science fiction, and a new selection will debut every other month. The first Reading Women book is *The First Husband*, by Theta author Laura Dave, Beta Eta/Pennsylvania. It will be officially announced online in August, and Dave herself will join the online discussion in September.

Subsequent books will be announced in October, December, February, April, and June, with the discussions following one month later.

Check out Reading Women (www.kappaalphatheta.org/alumnae/programs/reading_women.cfm) and if you have questions or book suggestions, contact readingwomen@kappaalphatheta.org. ♦

HERE'S WHAT READING WOMEN WILL READ:

The First Husband, Laura Dave

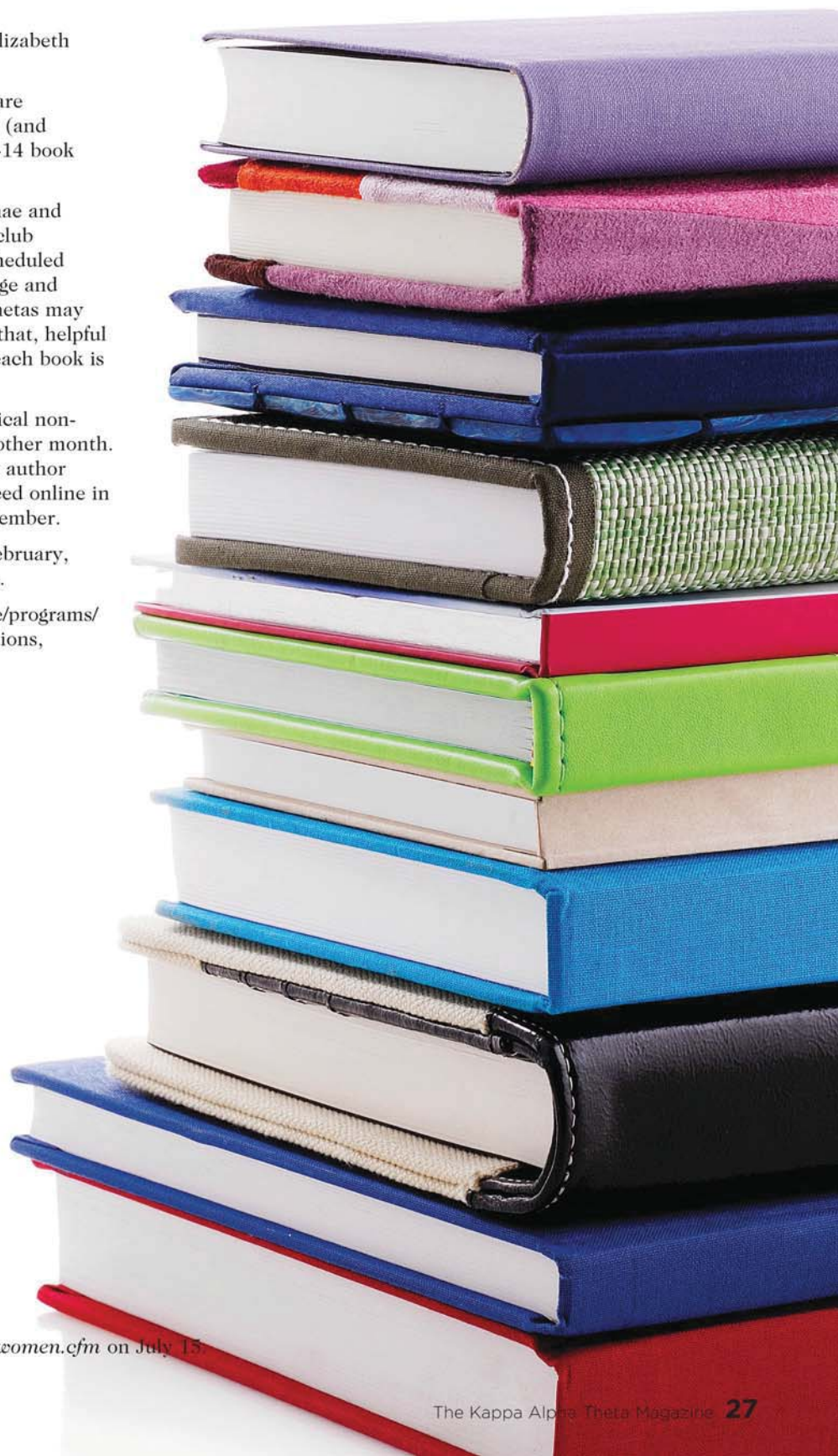
The Women Who Raised Me: A Memoir,
Victoria Rowell

Code Name Verity, Elizabeth Wein

The Year of Magical Thinking, Joan Didion

Truth Like the Sun, Jim Lynch

The sixth book will be announced
in conjunction with
Grand Convention 2014



Visit www.kappaalphatheta.org/alumnae/programs/reading_women.cfm on July 15.



PERSONAL ARCHIVING

SAVING YOUR PERSONAL HISTORY
IN A DIGITAL AGE

BY NORALEEN DUVALL YOUNG, AX/PURDUE

How many of us now communicate with friends and family primarily via Facebook or other social media sites? Have you saved the stories and photographs you have posted there? Do you have a blog? Are you saving all those pictures you take with your digital camera? Have you saved any emails you sent to family and friends?

I recently heard a well-known director of a large genealogy collection identify our current era as a potential “dark age” of family and personal history. Where once there were letters and cards, now there are emails and posts to social media sites. Instead of photographic prints, images are digital, never printed out, and enjoyed only on computer screens and mobile phones. His concern was that in the future, our grandchildren’s children would not know their families—as we now do—through old photograph albums and letters. Even those of us who still have shoeboxes full of photographs and letters now also have disks, flash drives, phones, and computers full of images and notes. Many of us do not know how to save these items for the future. A hard copy is easy to tuck away, but preserving something in the cloud or on a computer is a challenge for many of us.

Digital items are, in fact, more difficult to save. The hardware, software, and applications needed for access are constantly evolving. And there are many things that can go wrong: the computer crashes; you lose the flash drive, forget the password, or (even more likely) you no longer have the appropriate equipment or software to access the digital materials. And while software and app creators have made it easy to share photos and send messages, the emphasis is on the present and not on what needs to be kept for the future to represent the past.

Archivists and historians have recognized that as we change the way we communicate with friends, family, and others, we need to think of new ways to preserve that information so we can tell the story of ourselves to those who come after us.

The Library of Congress has identified four steps to preserving your own digital files.

- **Identify** the digital files you have (and where they are). What do you have stored on computers, discs, flash drives, smartphones, tablets, laptops, or camcorders? Do you have digital photographs, documents, videos?

What about the emails recounting important news of the family? How do you save those social media posts, particularly those that are announcing important family news? (There’s probably no need to save your scores for online games!)

Decide what items you really need to save. Digital files need to be reviewed and culled just as paper files do. You don’t have to save everything. Do you really need to save the blurry photos? Or multiple shots of the same group at the same event? Did you take 1,000 pictures on your last vacation, and do you really need to keep all of them? Do you need to save all your emails, including the ones about whose turn it is to bring pumpkin pies to Thanksgiving dinner? Make a list of topics important to you and your family and preserve those items that reflect those topics.

- **Organize** the digital files so you can find things again. As with paper files, you need to establish some folders and label the files themselves with at least a date and topic. Labeling digital materials helps you identify them without having to actually open a disc or file. The organizing system does not have to be fancy: something as simple as a folder for each family member and activity or holiday will work fine. Establishing a system will also help you weed out duplicate materials or items not worthy of saving permanently. Use software to “tag” or describe and identify your photographs.
- **Make copies** of your digital files. Back up your files! Of course you hear this all the time, but one of the best ways to protect your digital records is to back them up. Make two copies of the backup and keep one near the computer and the other offsite. You can store the files via “cloud” storage, but make sure that you are dealing with a service provider that will be around awhile. Make a habit of backing up regularly—once a month, twice a year, annually—however frequently you want to do it.

While our focus here has been on personal records, remember to also preserve the digital records of the organizations and institutions that you may serve as a volunteer. Their stories need to be preserved as well. ♦

ASK THE ARCHIVIST!

Have you wondered about some aspect of Theta’s history, either about the international organization or about a specific chapter? Have you ever read a brief mention of another Theta and would love to learn more about her? Have you ever wondered about how to save and share your own historical materials? *Ask the Archivist* is a new feature in the Theta magazine that will look into questions submitted by you, the Theta membership, about Theta’s history, its members, and even the nuts and bolts of preserving that history. So ask away! Submit your questions by email to archives@kappaalphatheta.org.

THETA MEMORABILIA

The Theta Archives are always interested in Theta-related images, artifacts and other items. We encourage you to either share the digital copies of the items or even donate the originals to the archives. archives@kappaalphatheta.org.



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Joan Isenbarger Murray; 1947, May 2012
Phyllis Craig Sheperd; 1940, December 2012
Margaret Phillips Donk Waters; 1946, February 2013

B/INDIANA

Sarah Jewett Cook; 1935, December 2012

Γ/BUTLER

Isabelle Layman Troyer; 1926, February 2013

H/MICHIGAN

Betsy Driscall Horning; 1946, September 2012
Mary Malcolm Leydorf; 1951, January 2013
Kathryn Keeler McGanity; 1936, November 2012

I/CORNELL

Winifred Alsup Murck; 1940, April 2013
Marjorie Salzman Schultz; 1938, April 2013
Mary Doutrich Seipos; 1948, February 2013

K/KANSAS

Dorothy Fizzell Boone; 1942, April 2013
Sue Ihinger Leonard; 1949, October 2012
Lorraine Ross Thiessen; 1948, May 2012

Λ/VERMONT

Esther Munroe Swift; 1942, March 2012

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Linda Hawkes Jones; 1966, March 2013
June Smart Midden; 1947, April 2013

M/ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

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Lisa MacDonald Lee; 1996, June 2010

O/USC

Jean Facey Rawlins; 1946, February 2013
Jacqueline Boice Wells; 1944, March 2013

P/NEBRASKA

Elizabeth Glover Bosselman; 1934, October 2012
Mary Jean Neely Williams; 1950, March 2013

T/NORTHWESTERN

Patricia Severin Kaminis; 1943, March 2013

X/SYRACUSE

Marie Huebner Palmer; 1931, April 2013
Janet Baum Patterson; 1949, April 2013

Ψ/WISCONSIN

Jeanette Gerdes Bitter; 1951, January 2013

Ω/UC BERKELEY

Georgeann Johnson Beckett; 1946, January 2013

ΑΓ/OHIO STATE

Betty Miller Bader; 1946, March 2013
Jean Waid Reilly; 1937, March 2013
Karen Scott Soles; 1956, January 2013
Joan Brown Worthington; 1951, March 2013

AH/VANDERBILT

Allene Cornelius Clarkson; 1933, January 2013
George Earthman Cooper; 1944, March 2013
Helen Strowd Crain; 1946, February 2013
Jane Chadwell Delony; 1940, March 2013
Barbara Perkins Maxwell; 1941, March 2013

ΑΘ/TEXAS

Mary Carlson Farabee; 1958, March 2013

ΑΙ/WASHINGTON-ST. LOUIS

Martha Willert Hillman; 1935, August 2012

ΑΛ/WASHINGTON

Mary Margaret Quigley McGoldrick; 1932, April 2013
Mary Meisnest Reedy; 1944, March 2013

ΑΜ/MISSOURI

Mary Margaret Woody Gron; 1942, November 2012
Mary Miller Soverel; 1939, December 2012

ΑΝ/MONTANA

Robin Wright Petersen; 1960, August 2012

ΑΟ/OKLAHOMA

Marian Bryant Cabbage; 1929, March 2013
Anne Darrough Travis; 1947, February 2013
LuAnn McCoy Wade; 1956, February 2013

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Judith Wendell Popp; 1959, October 2011

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Mary Sue Ball Mulloy Gilkeson; 1933, April 2013
Jane Burner Weaver; 1939, June 2012
Rosalie Myers Wheeler; 1950, February 2013

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Helen Brown Cook; 1938, December 2012

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Katharine Tyler Grey; 1938, March 2013
Maxine French McIntosh; 1933, June 2009

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BB/RANDOLPH-MACON WOMAN'S COLLEGE

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ΒΔ/ARIZONA

Diane Cross Hastain; 1959, January 2013
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Roberta Lazinka Barbouletos; 1951, April 2013
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ΒΖ/OKLAHOMA STATE

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BH/PENNSYLVANIA

Barbara Tompkins Ames; 1953, February 2013

BΘ/IDAHO

Bernice Brill Lewis; 1930, April 2013

ΒΙ/COLORADO

Mary Cook Huggins; 1945, February 2012
Martha Miller Spicer; 1961, July 2012

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Marjorie Roberts Meston; 1950, April 2012
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Jean (Stevie) Stevens Pyfer; 1945, February 2013

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Barbara Bassett Cochran; 1935, September 2012

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Jessica Kerivan Hagar; 2002, April 2013

ΒΝ/FLORIDA STATE

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Shirley Cotter Auch; 1949, March 2013
Ann Dawson Bisbee; 1943, February 2013
Alicia Ann Lavers Kennedy; 1939, March 2013
Margaret Stanton McDonald; 1944, March 2013
Marion Somerville Munro; 1945, February 2013
Gwendolyn Berger Straight; 1941, March 2013

ΒΣ/SMU

Norma Kelly Bartley; 1944, February 2013
Josephine Wood Kiel; 1946, September 2011

ΒΤ/DENISON

Mary Hauser Bingham; 1957, March 2013
Norma Tonkin Brigham; 1943, September 2012
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Beverly McClaren Miller; 1952, July 2012
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ΒΦ/PENN STATE

Sarah Piollet Powers; 1942, June 2012

ΒΩ/COLORADO COLLEGE

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ΓΔ/GEORGIA

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ΓΖ/CONNECTICUT

Linda Fesmier Holden; 1966, August 2012

ΓΜ/MARYLAND

Elizabeth Poteet Hicks; 1950, November 2011

ΓΞ/SAN JOSE STATE

Karen Peterson Davis; 1969, April 2013

ΓΟ/NEW MEXICO

Genene Bateman Birdwell; 1949, February 2013

ΓΦ/TEXAS TECH

Marilyn Cheshier Lynch; 1955, April 2013
Mary Butler McCollum; 1961, February 2013
Nan Scott Miller; 1958, March 2013

ΓΨ/TEXAS CHRISTIAN

Barbara Brooks Meier; 1957, February 2013

ΔΕ/ARIZONA STATE

Carol Nielsen Garmon; 1964, January 2013

ΔΗ/KANSAS STATE

Heidi Jernigan Stanbrough; 1980, March 2013

ΔΩ/TEXAS A&M

Lisa Davis Lyon; 1979, May 2012

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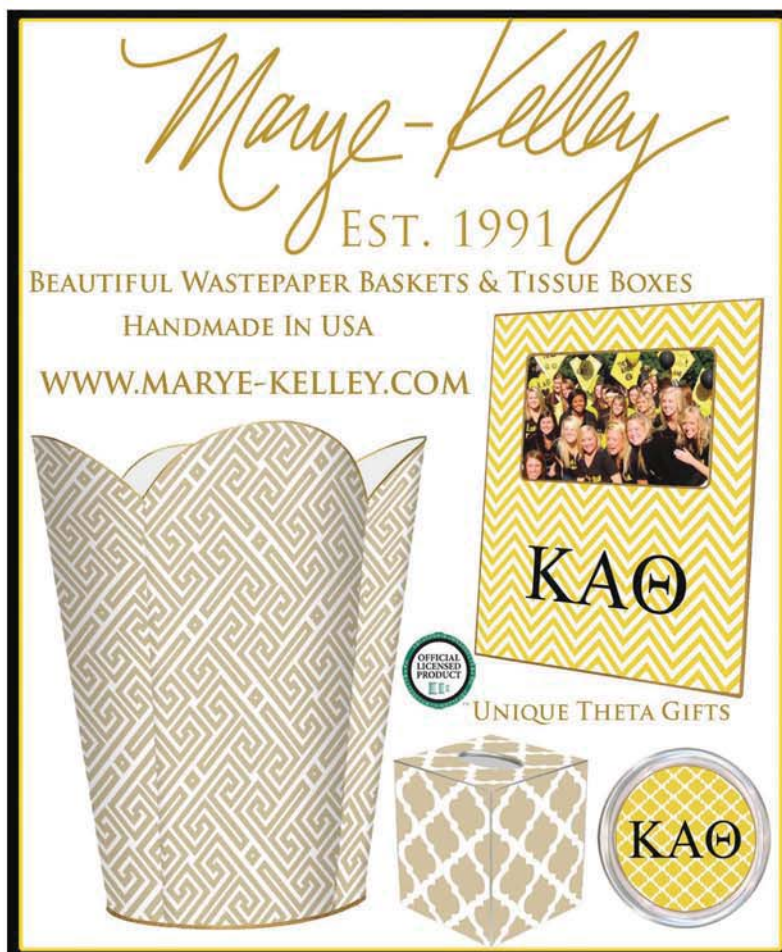
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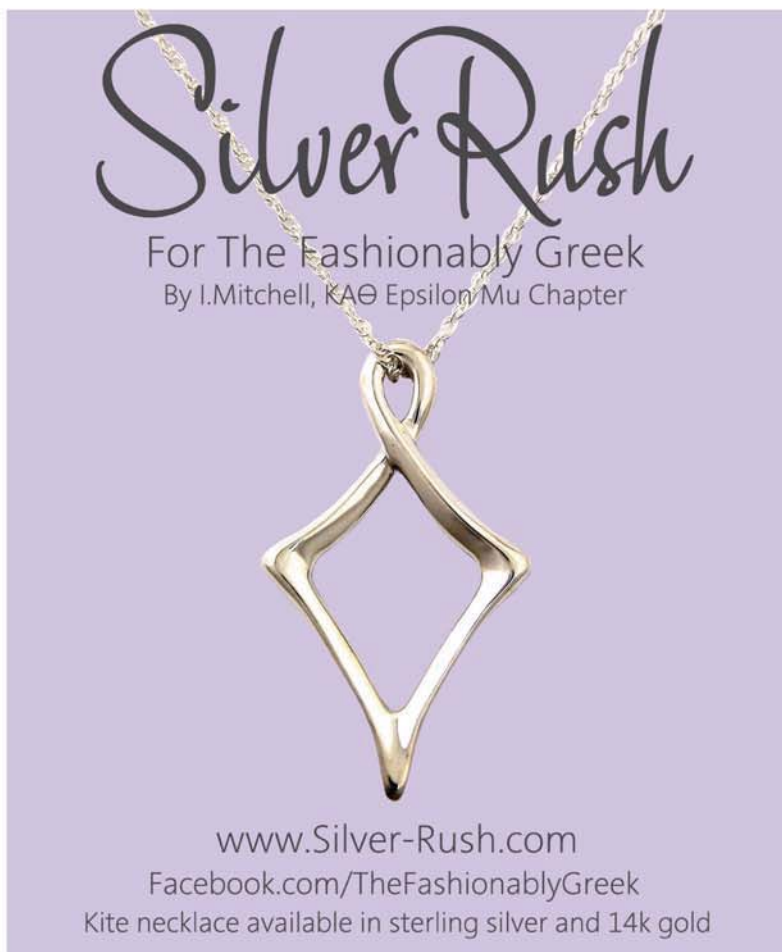
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- 2 Standard Plain

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|-----|-------|
| 10K | \$165 |
| 14K | \$250 |
- 3 Crown Synthetic Stone

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|-----------|-------|-------|-------|
| 10K Small | \$260 | Large | \$350 |
| 14K Small | \$330 | Large | \$440 |
- 4 Crown Alternating Pearl/Synth. Stone

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| 10K Small | \$260 | Large | \$350 |
| 14K Small | \$330 | Large | \$440 |
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| 10K Small | \$260 | Large | \$350 |
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- 6 Crown Diamond

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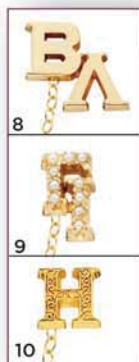
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I don't want to go overboard and say that our common experience in Kappa Alpha Theta is the source of the success of our working relationship – but neither do I think it is mere coincidence.

LIZA FARROW-GILLESPIE, AΘ/TEXAS (SEE PAGE 23)

I'M PROUD
OF MY THETA
SISTERS, AND
I KNOW THEY
ARE OF ME.

LAUREN WHITNEY, ΔE/ARIZONA (SEE PAGE 22)

Each day, I am excited to interact with college women who are with me on this quest to learn from each other with innovative and forward thinking.

COREY BURNETT, O/USC (WWW.KAPPAALPHATHETA.ORG)

When Thetas model personal excellence, we not only have the chance to lead on our campuses, in our communities, and in our professions, we have the chance to effect real change. Just as Bettie, Hannah, Alice, and Bettie did.

AMY HAYNER KATES, AΦ/TULANE (SEE PAGE 14)

NO MATTER WHAT IS GOING ON MY LIFE, I KNOW THAT IF I CLOSE MY EYES, TAKE A DEEP BREATH AND REMIND MYSELF OF THE MEANING OF OUR LETTERS, EVERYTHING IS GOING TO BE OK.

ANNA MCLANE, Y/MINNESOTA (WWW.KAPPAALPHATHETA.ORG)

More than 10 percent of the women honored by the National Women's History Project (NWHP) during 2013 Women's History Month are members of Kappa Alpha Theta. This year's theme recognized 18 women who made extraordinary contributions to the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

Dian Fossey, ΓΞ/San Jose State, was honored for her contributions to primatology, and Julia Morgan, Ω/UC Berkeley, was honored for her contributions to architecture.

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These children have changed my life. I'm a different person because of them. I have looked into their little faces and seen such courage and strength and compassion and an unbelievable capacity for joy in the face of such adversity. And I've seen the humanity that is possible in all of us.

MARLO THOMAS, O/USC (SEE PAGE 24)